The following claims are presented for examination:

    1. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~providing a notification of an event, said method~~ comprising ~~the steps of~~:

    receiving a communication for a recipient;

    ~~in response to said receipt of said communication, performing the following steps:~~

    ~~determining an originating endpoint address on a network associated with said received communication;~~

    identifying one or more designated persons that have been previously designated for ~~said~~ <u>an</u> originating endpoint address <u>associated with the received communication</u>, wherein at least one of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> designated persons is not a sender of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> communication and is not ~~said~~ <u>the</u> recipient;

    generating a notification message, wherein ~~said~~ <u>the</u> notification message includes information about a response that was dispatched for ~~said~~ <u>the</u> received communication; and

    sending ~~said~~ <u>the</u> notification message to ~~said~~ <u>the</u> one or more designated persons.

    2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ <u>the</u> notification message is provided to ~~said~~ <u>the</u> one or more designated persons in accordance with preference information specified by each of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> one or more designated persons.

    3. (canceled)

    4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein ~~said~~ <u>the</u> preference information includes at least one media preference.

    5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein ~~said~~ <u>the</u> preference information includes at least one human language type preference.

    6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ <u>the</u> <u>originating</u> endpoint is identified based on a telephone number of a calling party associated with ~~said~~ <u>the</u> communication.

    7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ <u>the</u> <u>originating</u> endpoint is identified based on an address associated with ~~said~~ <u>the</u> communication.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ <u>the</u> identifying, generating and sending ~~steps~~ <u>tasks</u> are performed in response to ~~said~~ <u>the</u> received communication being placed to a specified telephone number.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ <u>the</u> event is an emergency that has been reported to a receiver.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ <u>the</u> event is a telephone call that has been placed to a help desk.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving at least one response to ~~said~~ <u>the</u> notification message.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving at least one status update from at least one of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> one or more designated persons.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of dispatching an appropriate response to ~~said~~ <u>the</u> communication.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of receiving at least one status update from a person associated with ~~said~~ <u>the</u> appropriate response.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of notifying at least one of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> one or more designated persons of a status update.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ <u>the</u> notification message is provided to ~~said~~ <u>the</u> one or more designated persons in accordance with a communication flow that describes whether each of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> one or more designated persons is notified based on a response from at least one other of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> one or more designated persons.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~for providing a notification of an event,~~ comprising:

a memory; and

at least one processor, coupled to the memory, operative to:

receive a communication for a recipient;

~~in response to said receipt of said communication, perform the following~~:

~~determine an originating endpoint address on a network associated with said received communication;~~

identify one or more designated persons that have been previously designated for ~~said~~ **an** originating endpoint address **associated with the received communication**, wherein at least one of ~~said~~ **the** designated persons is not a sender of ~~said~~ **the** communication and is not ~~said~~ **the** recipient

generate a notification message, wherein ~~said~~ **the** notification message includes information about a response that was dispatched for ~~said~~ **the** received communication; and

send ~~said~~ **the** notification message to each of ~~said~~ **the** one or more designated persons.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ **the** notification message is provided to ~~said~~ **the** one or more designated persons in accordance with preference information specified by each of ~~said~~ **the** one or more designated persons.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ **the** **originating** endpoint is identified based on a telephone number of a calling party associated with ~~said~~ **the** communication.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ **the** **originating** endpoint is identified based on an address associated with ~~said~~ **the** communication.

21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ **the** event is an emergency that has been reported to a receiver.

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ **the** event is a telephone call that has been placed to a help desk.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ **the** processor is further configured to receive at least one response to ~~said~~ **the** notification message.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ **the** processor is further configured to receive at least one status update.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ **the** processor is further configured to dispatch an appropriate response to ~~said~~ **the** communication.

26. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for providing a notification of an event, ~~said~~ **the** article of manufacture comprising a machine readable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of:

receiving a communication for a recipient;

~~in response to said receipt of said communication, performing the following steps:~~

~~determining an originating endpoint address on a network associated with said received communication;~~

identifying one or more designated persons that have been previously designated for ~~said~~ **an** originating endpoint address **associated with the received communication**, wherein at least one of ~~said~~ **the** designated persons is not a sender of ~~said~~ **the** communication and is not ~~said~~ **the** recipient

generating a notification message, wherein ~~said~~ **the** notification message includes information about a response that was dispatched for said received communication; and

sending ~~said~~ **the** notification message to each of ~~said~~ **the** one or more designated persons.

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27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ **a** notification **of an event** is triggered indirectly when a call is placed by a third party identifying a response address associated with an endpoint.

28 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ **a** notification **of an event** is triggered indirectly when a call is placed by a third party identifying a response address associated with an endpoint.